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Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

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Talented, Tired, Beautiful Feet

by Becky Bunke, Bethlehem in Sedro Woolley

The Lutheran Staff Association (LSA) joined together from March 6-9 to celebrate 38 years of ministry. Their annual conference was held at the beautiful Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center in Cannon Beach, Oregon. Lutheran workers from Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon listened to three keynote addresses by the always-engaging Rev. Ronald T. Glusenkamp, vice president of Customer Outreach at the Board of Pensions of the ELCA. He shared the ELCA Board of Pension project *Healthy Leaders Enhance Lives* by encouraging participants to increase physical activity, decrease caloric intake, set SMART goals, reduce stress and to change health behaviors for the better. Everyone received a pedometer to use, and walking groups were formed during the conference.

The Bible Study and Worship Leader was the Rev. Dawna Svaren, pastor at Emmanuel in Moscow, Idaho. Through scripture and hands-on projects, the group explored our talented, tired and beautiful feet. One of the evening worship services was a rite of foot washing, which was appropriate since the conference took place in the season of Lent.

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Welcome

Margaret Spatafore, Synod Office Administrator

We welcomed Margaret Spatafore to the Synod Office in the newly formed position of Synod Office Administrator on Wednesday, April 13.

Her most recent work experience is as a substitute secretary to the Lake Washington School District. Prior to that experience she was the executive secretary to Dr. John Stamm, president of Trinity Lutheran College, Issaquah. She held that position for five years. She is a graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla and is a retired Commander of the US Navy.

As she joins our staff we look forward to her skills in organization of information, materials, people and tasks, as well as her support in planning and administration.

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Welcome Margaret.

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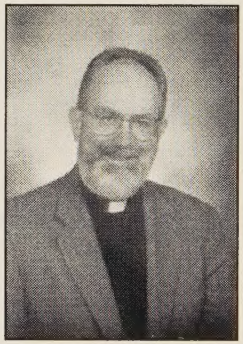
A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend Chris Boerger

"...'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." Romans 10:13-17

I want to recommend a book for group or congregational study. I am still reading *The Evangelizing Church, A Lutheran Contribution.* This new series of essays has been published by Augsburg Fortress (ISBN: 806651091). It is a challenging and helpful look at what historically has hindered Lutherans from being an evangelizing tradition in this country. It also challenges us to think about how we can be faithful to our theology and share the grace of God with those who have not heard.

Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson is quoted from his book, *Faithful yet Changing, The Church in Challenging Times*, saying, "It's been said that the average Lutheran invites someone to worship once every twenty-three years. If that's not bad enough, research also shows that it takes three invitations before the people invited come. That makes for sixty-nine years—and most of us don't have that much time!"

Bishop Hanson's comment is thought provoking. We confess that the Holy Spirit is at work in the Word and in the Sacraments. But how will people hear if there are no speakers. How will the Sacraments be signs of God's grace if those in need of that grace are not present? We are the voices and the inviters.

The book does deal with the dilemma of letting grace be grace. We know that we do not save ourselves by our cooperation with God. Yet, there is a role for the proclaimer of that grace. Rather than create a new guilt trip around evangelism, this book seeks to inform and challenge us to be about the evangelizing task.

We live in the mission field. This task must be a high priority for each member of this synod. As we talk about what and how we should be about this task, I commend this new resource to you. It does not answer all of our questions, but it does point us in a direction we need to go.

Synod Council Update

by Sharon Greenwood, Vice President

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The Synod Council met on March 19 at Crown in Seattle.

The council accepted the resignation of Rev. Sarah France (Morningstar, Monroe) from the Synod Council, from the Synod Personnel Committee and as a voting member of the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Rev. Victor Langford (St. Mark's, Seattle), who was previously named as an alternate, will fill the vacated 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting member position.

Two Synod Council positions are currently vacant: the lay female person of color position and an unrestricted clergy position. We are seeking to fill these positions from the SeaTac, East King, or South King clusters, which are underrepresented on the council. Please contact me if you have suggestions for possible appointees.

The council made appointments as follows:

- Synod Council Associate in Ministry position: Larry Johnson, Associate in Ministry, Lord of Life, Renton
- Alternate voting member to the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly: Rev. Jack Richards, Bethlehem, Marysville
- Constitution and Legal Matters Committee: Francis Baker, St. John United, Seattle, and Mark Johnson, Magnolia, Seattle
- Finance Committee: Francis Baker, St. John United, Seattle, and Wayne Daley, Bethany, Bainbridge Island
- Personnel Committee: George Nowadnick (chair) Christ the King, Snohomish, and Rev. Jennifer Schultz, First, Mount Vernon
- Board of Outreach and Evangelism: Joan Stewart, St. John United, Seattle, and Kim Unti, St. Matthew's, Renton
- Candidacy: Rachel Schoeld, Bethel, Shoreline, and Carla Driscol, Peace, Silvana

The council gave consent to Lutheran Campus Ministry at Western Washington University to direct fundraising appeals to congregations and individual members of this Synod. The purpose of the appeals is to purchase the 45 percent of the Shalom Center, which is currently owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle.

The council approved business matters for proposal to the 2005 Synod Assembly including amendments to the Synod constitution and bylaws and the 2006 budget of $1,500,000. Other business included resolutions to receive Edmonds in Edmonds and Grace Chinese in

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Report of the Synod Treasurer

By Richard Bridges, Treasurer

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"Noble deeds and hot baths are the best cures for depression." Anonymous

March was worse for money in than February was good; meaning we are now 6% behind last year. We need to finish 3% ahead of last year, so we are really 9% behind.

Ahhhh, but, you know, Easter showers could bring April flowers.

Total money out for the year is $235,252; about 6,000 under budget and 18,000 less than revenue. This is directly attributable to the tight-fisted treasurer; thank you very much. You know, saying No is simply an extension of knowing corporate and individual boundaries.

At the 2004 Assembly, it was voted to designate some $600,000 for use in supporting new and/or renewing ministries. At the last Council session, $97,000 of that pie was set aside to help three ministries: one renewing, one growing and one which will start in August. Pretty cool, huh? The Board of Outreach and Evangelism is the arbiter/requestor of uses of the $600,000.

Closing pearl of wisdom:

The trouble with humor is that not enough people take it seriously.

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Synod Council Report

Seattle as congregations of this Synod, and to transfer the property of the former Hope Lutheran Church to Grace Chinese Lutheran Church.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Outreach and Evangelism, the council approved grants to be made from the New and Renewing Ministries Fund, which was designated by action of the 2004 Synod Assembly. The approved grants are:

- $7,000 in 2005 to St. Stephen's in Shoreline
- $10,000 in 2005, 2006, and 2007 to Church of the Apostles (COTA) in Seattle
- $30,000 in 2005, $20,000 in 2006, and $10,000 in 2007 to a second generation Chinese ministry out of Grace Chinese in Seattle

The council adopted three resolutions to memorialize the ELCA church council regarding the sexuality recommendations (see related article).

For additional information or to offer input to the Synod Council, please contact any member of the council. You may find contact information for council members at www.lutheransnw.org/about/council.asp. The next Synod Council meeting will take place on Saturday, April 30, at Oak Harbor 1253 NW Second Ave, Oak Harbor.

Synod Response

to the Report and Recommendations of the Sexuality Studies Task Force

by Sharon Greenwood, Vice President

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On March 12, 13, and 14, the Northwest Washington Synod Council held three forums to give congregation members and pastors the opportunity to respond to the Report and Recommendations from the Task Force for ELCA Sexuality Studies. More than 150 people attended these forums, at which 59 persons spoke.

Comments reflected the same disagreement around the issues and the differing approach to interpreting Scripture that have been exhibited throughout this church. There were many comments supporting a full and public welcome of persons who are homosexual by providing for blessing same sex unions and for the opportunity to serve in one of the rostered ministries of this church. And there were many comments expressing an understanding of scripture that prohibits such acceptance of homosexual activity. Some expressed the need for better education and additional time to wrestle with these questions.

Of the three recommendations, Recommendation 3 received the most comment. A few persons supported the recommendation as written. However most spoke in opposition saying the recommendation lacks integrity.

A summary of the hearings was forwarded to the ELCA Church Council. In its meeting on March 19, the Synod Council adopted three related resolutions requesting that the ELCA Church Council:

- Allow for a simple majority, rather than requiring a super majority of two-thirds, in voting on issues relating to the Report and Recommendations on Homosexuality at the Churchwide Assembly;
- Bring specific recommendations for a vote by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly including Recommendation 1 as written; Recommendation 2 as written, recognizing that it does not create policy but continues as pastoral guidance; and to include a recommendation that there be no policy barrier to rostered service for otherwise qualified persons in same gender covenanted relationships that are "mutual, chaste, and faithful"; and
- Direct the Division for Ministry in consultation with the Division for Congregational Ministries and the Conference of Bishops to identify and make available materials and resources to assist and support pastors as they provide pastoral care and counseling for persons seeking to have their same gender relationships blessed, provided by action of the 2001 Churchwide Assembly (CA.01.06.28., The Definition and Blessing of Committed Same Gender Relationships).

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Where Are We Now

Legislative Process Report and Recommendations from Task Force of the ELCA Studies on Sexuality

On January 13, 2005, the ELCA Studies on Sexuality Task Force publicly released its report and recommendations related to blessing committed same-sex unions and ordaining, consecrating or commissioning persons in such committed relationships onto the roster of the ELCA. On April 11 the ELCA Church Council made its recommendations to the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. (The report and background information, as well as the link to the ELCA Church Council Recommendations may be found on the Synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org. Click on Faithful Journey.)

The Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, which will meet May 20-21, may discuss and act upon resolutions that address the report and recommendations. Such resolutions must be submitted to the Synod Office by noon on May 9. Actions of the Synod Assembly may direct that such resolutions be forwarded to the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Important dates: May 20-21, 2005—NWWA Synod Assembly, and August 8-14, 2005—ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Voting Members for the 2005 Churchwide Assembly

Voting members to the 2005 Churchwide Assembly from the Northwest Washington Synod were elected at the 2004 Synod Assembly. Alternates were also designated in case an elected voting members could not attend. (Alternates are those with the next highest number of votes.) A couple of voting members have had to step down, so the list has recently changed. To contact the voting members used the name listed below for that person with @lutheransnw.org:

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- Mark Kremen, kremen@
- Rev. Vic Langford, langford@
- Margit Peiffle, peiffle@
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- David Swartling (2005 CWA Parliamentarian), swartling@

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Synod Response

The 2005 NWWA Synod Assembly will have the opportunity to discuss and act upon resolutions that address the sexuality recommendations, which will then be forwarded to the 2005 Churchwide Assembly. To be considered, such resolutions must be submitted to the Synod Office by 12:00 noon on May 9th. If you have questions or would like assistance in writing a resolution, you may contact Rev. Christopher Berry, chair of the Reference & Counsel Committee, at revrefcdberry@comcast.net.

Synod Assembly

News and Information

by Rev. Jeff Russell, Central in Everett

The Sno-Isle Cluster looks forward to welcoming the voting members and visitors of the 2005 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly. The Assembly will be held at the new Everett Events Center on May 20-21 (Friday-Saturday).

The assembly theme is *Marked with the Cross of Christ Forever.* While it is expected that there will be much discussion about the proposed ELCA statements regarding the blessing of same sex unions and ordaining of gay and lesbian persons in committed relationships, the focus of this assembly will be the uniqueness of the church's mission in the Pacific Northwest. The keynote speaker on Friday will be Dr. Patricia O'Connell Killen who is Professor of American Religious History and Chair of the Department of Religion at Pacific Lutheran University. Throughout her career, Killen has investigated the intersection of social context and religious community. For the past 15 years she has been researching religion in the Pacific Northwest, working to understand how people of faith are influenced by the natural and social-cultural dynamics of this region. Killen is the primary editor of *Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest: The None Zone* (Alta Mira Press, 2004).

At 7 p.m. on Friday, May 20, everyone is invited to a blue grass concert at Central, 2702 Rockefeller, Everett (four blocks from the convention center). This will be a songfest so bring your voice and/or musical instrument and join Marita Herivel-Ericksen, family and friends.

The main advantage of meeting in a convention center is more space; more space to be seated comfortably at round tables and grouped together in clusters, more space for displays and informal conversation outside of the plenary sessions. More space to do what is important for Christ's church to do: come together, worship, learn, deliberate, decide, and leave for witness and service, marked with the Cross of Christ Forever.

Men In Mission

at Synod Assembly

A voluntary Northwest Washington Synod Task Force is being formed for the purpose of supporting and promoting Men in Mission. Newly elected Synod Council member Ron Sailer asks that each congregation appoint a men's coordinator to help promote and encourage activities within their own congregation. There will be no regular meetings but information and resources will be shared via the Internet. Please contact Ron via email (Sailer@Lutheransnw.org) or visit our booth at Synod Assembly.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

by Fred Robbins, chair

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Look at the word thanksgiving and break it in half, what do you get? Thanks \ giving. Now turn it around giving thanks, when you break something in half you can share it. This sounds like a win win deal.

Please join us this month of May in the Ethiopian Companion Church program in giving a prayer of thanksgiving for God's work in and through us. Both here in the Northwest Washington Synod and in Ethiopia, God has accomplished many things. We are so grateful for the people who have participated in many faceted ways: prayerfully, singing, children, financial, visits, meetings, gatherings. For all these efforts, we give God the Glory and Thanksgiving.

We have been given this scripture from Ethiopia in our companion relationship: "I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ." (Philemon, verse 6, NRSV)

Thank you all. Also our committee members, Pastor Paul Bartling, Pastor Ben Bretheim, Yoseph Petros, Yvonne Robbins, and past committee members.

For companion church information and to become a companion congregation to a church in Ethiopia, please give me a call.

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As always there were several workshops available. *Laugh for the Health of It* by LSA member Cathie Carlisle was especially enjoyable taking place outdoors on the Oregon beach. Laurel Eschenbacher, a Wellness Champion for the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod, shared her personal story, and discussed self-care so we can be effective leaders in our individual ministry settings. Julie Mankin, the Communications Director for the Oregon Synod, facilitated a session on safety in the work place and being a first responder in an office setting.

As a pan-Lutheran organization, LSA exists to provide strength and encouragement to the lay ministry community. The annual conference gives an opportunity for these talented workers to gather for education, peer support and recreation.

The 2006 annual LSA conference has been scheduled for March 5-8. It will again be held at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center. For more information about LSA, please contact Leslie Fort at 509-332-1985 or Mary Chamberlin at 425-744-8090. Plan now to attend this conference. Keynote speaker is Susan Briehl, a Lutheran pastor who has served in parish, campus and retreat center settings.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

To those who have generously supported El Camino de Emmaus —The Way of Emmaus—and to those who want to see an Hispanic ministry happen, please plan to attend a gathering to celebrate Cinco de Mayo from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, at Salem, 2529 N Laventure, in Mount Vernon. Tickets are $5 each. Contact Pastor Jennifer Schultz at 360-424-6832 or Pastor Mary Bosell at 360-755-0729.

As you may know, El Camino de Emmaus was formerly under the auspices of Tierra Nueva. This Spanish speaking worship community is now an independent organization that is still deeply connected to the advocacy and education work of Tierra Nueva, but that is financially supported through its own membership and through mission partner churches and individuals. On December 5, 2004, El Camino de Emmaus became a synodically authorized worshipping community of the ELCA, as well as a future congregation of the North Puget Sound Presbytery. El Camino is growing in size and support—roughly 60 people gather for worship on Sunday evenings and a growing number of churches and individuals are taking interest and ownership in this ministry.

To learn more about the ministry of El Camino de Emmaus contact Pastor Eduardo Cabrera at 360-424-3976 or email cabreramoun@aol.

State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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By the time this reaches you the state legislature will be done unless there is a special session. However, there is always plenty to do. The federal budget is moving along with many cuts to critical food and nutrition, and health and human services programs. I urge you to consider to do one of the following:

- Pick a specific program cut in the federal budget and organize an offering of letters for that cause for a Sunday or two. The food stamps or Medicaid cuts would be possibilities.
- If your congregation makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief, I urge you to consider making an offering of letters at the international level, on possible topics such as: peace in the Sudan, global poverty/hunger (The One Campaign sponsored by Bread For The World, www.theonecampaign.org), or U.S. funding for HIV/AIDS prevention. As always I, or Marc Ostlie-Olson, our shared seminary intern, are willing to come to your church to do a Sunday of *advocacy teach & preach*, or to a women's, men's, or youth gathering to discuss advocacy in the ELCA and ways to be involved in your community.

Again, you are invited to LPPO's Second annual fundraiser from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at University Christian Church in Seattle. Email lppodinner@comcast.net if you'd like to rsvp, get an invite, or send in a donation in lieu of not coming. Easter season blessings to you!

Update
ELCA Board of Pensions

The Synod's local regional representative is

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Visit With Us At the Synod Assembly—Stop by the Board of Pensions' table during the synod assembly. Rev. Lowell Knutson will be available during our Assembly.

Save Money On Prescription Drugs—Use the Express Scripts Pharmacy to receive a 90-day supply of your medication and save money on your co-payment by buying in bulk. Transfer a locally filled prescription to the mail service pharmacy by contacting Express Scripts at 1-800-575-8090 or by visiting www.express-scripts.com/startnow

Tax Time Is Over For 2005, But...—Remember the Board of Pensions' resources when preparing your taxes: Pastors can find helpful information in our clergy taxes and housing section at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/taxes_housing; church administrators and treasurers have resources available in our *Administrator guide* at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/administrators (select tax reporting at left)

Keep Track of Your Financial Records—Keeping complete and accurate financial records is important for your financial well-being. For guidelines on keeping financial and other important documents, see www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/investment_education.

Free

A Wurlitzer Orgatron, Series 50, 120 volt electric organ. Made in Tonawanda, NY. Includes three large speakers and bench. Full set of foot petals, two rows of keys. The wood case is dark, likely cherry wood. It's old, likely circa 1950's. The Orgatron is a step in the evolution of the electric organ.Contact the church office at 206-322-7500 or office@loveiscentral.org.

In The Region 1 Resource Center

Video Resources
In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

Love The Earth and Be Healed—Maybe you have heard more about what's wrong with the environment than you care to. Love the Earth and Be Healed (V-1387) is a series of six videotapes proposing that the earth is in trouble because we stopped loving it in order to use it. If that's the origin of the problem, then can we reverse things? Furthermore, if we start loving the earth again, can we ourselves be healed by being reconnected to all that God called good?

This thought provoking series is organized into six separate programs: Facing Our Dilemmas; In This Web Together; How Much Is Enough?; Loving Nature; Not In Anybody's Backyard!; and Celebrating the Earth.

Among the several resource persons appearing on the tapes are Sallie McFague, Bill McKibben, John Cobb, Bonnie Craig, Jessie Deer-in-Water, Tom Hayden, Catherine Keller, Amory Lovins, L. Hunter Lovins, James Parks Morton and Jean Sindab.

News and Notes

- Kathryn Sime, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal director, reports that **South Asia Tsunami giving has topped $7 million.** Two new resources, both drawn from the experience of Rosella M. Kameo, an ELCA missionary in Indonesia, help tell the story that our generous giving and persistent prayer are "just what is needed."
  1) The April 2005 issue of *The Lutheran* features the article, "How can we help? In this article Kamero explains why giving money through established agencies and organizations and offering prayers is better than giving supplies, giving directly, volunteering and other well-intentioned approaches. See it on page 42, or read it online at www.thelutheran.org/0504/page42.html.
  2) An *ELCA News Service release* dated 3/17/05, "Lutheran Learns Prayer, Money Best for Tsuanmi Aid," also draws on Kamero's words. Find it at www.elca.org/scriptlib/CO/ELCA_News/encArticleList.asp
- The **Women of the ELCA Sixth Triennial Gathering** will take place from July 5 through 10 in San Antonio, Texas. Visit www.womenoftheelca.org and click on *Act Boldly* for more information.
- **Lutheran Men in Mission's National Gathering** will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, from July 22-24. The theme for this year's gathering is *Run the Race: Keep the Faith.* Visit www.elca.org/lmm.
- **Members of Faith in Everett** were invited to participate in the Faith Pakistan Indian Christian (PIC) Fellowship opening worship service and celebratory dinner. This February worship service was held in the Urdu and Hindi Language. PIC Fellowship will continue to hold their services at Faith each Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Iqbal B. Masih will preside. He has been a senior pastor in Pakistan in the dioceses of Karachi for more than 40 years. He was also a chairman of the Synod in Pakistan. Up until now, the PIC Fellowship has met in a small gathering in Bellevue.

College Bound, College Search

Wartburg College in Iowa is hosting a casual program to share information about starting and managing the college search. Information about Wartburg and the benefits of Lutheran colleges will be shared, including an explanation of financial aid and scholarships.

Learn about the College Search and Lutheran College Opportunities on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m. (refreshments following) at Prince of Peace, 9320 Meadow Way, Everett. So we may plan accordingly, please RSVP to Meredith Temple at Wartburg College by calling 608-218-9990 or email meredith.temple@wartburg.edu. For more information about Wartburg College, go to www.wartburg.edu.

Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

† **Rev. Robert E. Johnson (ret.)**. Pastor Johnson's mother, Maude G. Johnson, passed away on Palm Sunday, May 20, in Great Falls, Mont. Cards may be sent to Rev. Johnson and his wife, Jennifer, at: 5925 Longdin Rd, Ferndale, WA 98248.

† **Rev. Jane Prestbye,** pastor at Kent in Kent, as she heals from her surgery. Recovery will take several months. Cards can be sent to Kent Lutheran Church, 336 Second Ave S, Kent, WA 98032-5849.

† **Rev. James Miley and his wife, Avis.** Avis's mother recently passed away in California. Pastor Miley is currently Interim pastor at Our Saviour's, Bellingham. Cards can be sent to them at: Our Saviour's Lutheran, 1720 Harris Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225-6745.

† **Rev. Kate Schlechter** (on our roster) as she heals from an infection. Please send cards and emails to the synod office and the synod staff will forward them on to her.

† The family of **Rev. Stewart Govig (ret.)**. Pastor Govig passed away in mid-april. He is survived by his wife Alice. Cards may be sent to: 904 119th St. South, Tacoma, WA 98444.

† **Rev. Luther (Lou) T. Gabrielsen (ret.) and his wife Dee** are both are now at home. Dee is learning to do new things. Cards can be sent to 2022 160th Pl SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012. The Gabrielsen's attend Advent in Snohomish.

† **Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)** recovering from his fall. Cards can be sent to: Norse Home; 5311 Phinney Ave N; Seattle, WA 98103.

† **Rev. Chuck Davis,** Counseling Associates in Edmonds, is undergoing treatment and tests. Cards can be sent to: 18227 NE 176th St; Woodinville, WA 98072.

† **Rev. Ben Bretheim (ret.)** is recovering from his surgery. Cards may be sent to: 9105 Fortuna Drive, #8211; Mercer Island, WA 98040.

And we continue to pray for:

† **Rev. Donna Reilly Williams.**

† **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.)**

† **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.

Youth

Youth Ministry Certification School—October 10-28, 2005, at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah. This certification is in partnership with Wartburg Seminary Center for Youth Ministries. The certification school is an intensive 130-hour leadership training program designed for youth and family ministry staff, volunteers, Christian educators, and pastors. The class size will be 15-25 students. The program's goal is to better equip students to lead effective youth and family ministry programs in their home churches. Participants present a long-range plan or design for youth ministry demonstrating awareness of, and growth in, the skills and content necessary for enhancing congregational youth ministry. Cost of the certification school is $2,250. (Commuters can reduce the tuition cost by $400.) This includes all program materials, instructional costs, meals (except weekends), and lodging (including weekends). Scholarships might be available. Access application forms online at www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter (follow link to events). Detailed information about the school's training content is also available on-line. For other questions, contact Rev. David Ellingson at the Trinity Children, Youth & Family Center at 425-961-5544 or cyfcenter@tlc.edu.

WSYG (Western States Youth Gathering)—Just a quick reminder to let you know that there are still spaces available for the 2005 Western States Youth Gathering that will take place July 6-10 in Seattle. The Gathering will feature guest speakers: Susan Briehl, Mary Emily-Wells, Kelly Chatman, Grace Wolf-Chase and David Scherer of Agape, with music by Agape, Rachel Kurtz, the Spirit Garage Band and of course the Western States Servant Band. Youth will have the opportunity to "Dig In" and spend a day of learning, "Get Dirty" as they head out into the city and surrounding neighborhoods for a day of service, and of course "Dive In" as time is spent exploring the Pacific Northwest or city of Seattle. For additional information please check out the web site at www.wsyg.com or contact registrar Ingelaurie Lisher at 253-740-1439 (registration@wsyg.com).

The SALLT (Service and Learning Leadership Training) Project will train over 100 young adults, 100 high school students and 70 adult youth leaders during the next two years. Participants will be trained to be "service mentors" for 2,500 high school youth at the Servant Day during the Western States Youth Gathering on July 8, 2005. Interested youth or adults are encouraged to contact Dave Ellingson at ellingson@tlc.edu or 425-961-5541 for additional information and an application.

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Installations		
Glen Aaberg	Cross and Crown, Renton	4/24/2005
Erik Kindem	Peace, Seattle	2/27/2005
Calls Accepted		
Glen Aaberg	Renton, Cross and Crown	4/15/2005
Erik Kindem	Peace, Seattle	2/1/2005
Consolidation		
Christ, St. Matthew and St. Peter by the Sea in Edmonds formed Edmonds, Edmonds		1/1/2005
Resignations		
Kathryn Buffum	Edmonds, Edmonds	5/15/2005
James Kruse	Edmonds, Edmonds	3/15/2005
Richard Wendt	Edmonds, Edmonds	5/15/2005
Retirements		
Richard Wendt	Edmonds, Edmonds	6/1/2005

Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bellevue, Cross of Christ	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	TR	James Miley, Interim
Burien, Glendale	PR	I	Douglas Stensby, Interim
Camano, Camano	PR	TR	Chris Anderson, Interim
Edmonds, Edmonds	PR	TR	Kathryn Buffum and Richard Wendt, Pastors
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Arden Barden, Interim
Everett, Our Savior's	A	C	David Parks, Pastor
Mountlake Terrace, Bethesda	PR	TR	Steve Nelson, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	TR	Gary Larson, Interim
Trinity, Point Roberts	PR	TR	Supply

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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